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Via Hand Delivery

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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 04-71, Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric, Responses to the
Department's First Set of Information Requests

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Please find enclosed herewith the original and one copy of the remaining responses of Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric to the First Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy. These Information Responses, DTE-E-5, DTE-E-14 and DTE-E-18, were inadvertently omitted from a previous submission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary E. Grover / hyl", written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosures

cc: Denise L. Desautels, Hearing Officer (4 copies)
Service List

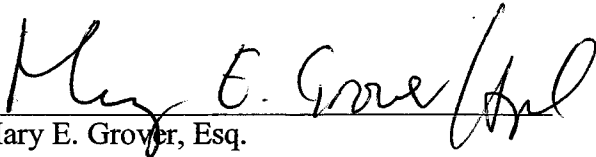
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing in accordance with the Department rules.



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Information Request DTE-E-5

Will the Company's use and magnitude of use of the right-of-way and access roads be fully authorized by the applicable agreements?

Response

The Company's use of the right-of-way for the proposed line relocation and the proposed access points into and along the right-of-way are allowed under the terms of its easements.

Information Request DTE-E-14

Please provide the distance from the relocated line to the ten nearest homes or businesses.

Response

Please see attached Table DTE-E-14, which lists the distance from the relocated line to the ten nearest homes or businesses. Distances were measured off of the Project Plans (which were included in the Petition) from the centerline of the relocated line to the nearest point of the home or business. Secondary structures, such as garden sheds were not included. Once identified, the addresses and property type for each building were determined from the tax assessor maps and lists.

Table DTE-E-14			
Street Address	Assessor's ID	Distance (feet)	Property Type
56 Mill Street Natick, MA	Map 40, Lot 76	74	Residential
5 Burning Tree Rd. Natick, MA	Map 40, Lot 199	74	Residential
11 Stonebridge Circle Natick, MA	Map, 40, Lot 197	76	Residential
9 Stonebridge Circle Natick, MA	Map 40, Lot 210	70	Residential
43 Ranger Road Natick, MA	Map 40, Lot 190	74	Residential
1 Melody Way Natick, MA	Map 40, Lot 189A	76	Residential
1400 Worcester St. Natick, MA	Map 23, Lot 74	80	Commercial
4 Burning Tree Road Natick, MA	Map 40, Lot 14L	80	Residential
5 Burning Tree Terrace Natick, MA	Map 40, Lot 14M	80	Residential
164 Mill Street Natick, MA	Map 32, Lot 63D	86	Residential

Information Request DTE-E-18

Please describe the Company's plans to restore or install screening along the edge of the right-of-way in residential and other unwooded areas and at road crossings, including the longitudinal road alignment adjacent to poles 20 and 21.

Response

NSTAR Electric does not have specific plans at this time to restore or install screening along the edge of the right-of-way in residential and other unwooded areas and at road crossings. With respect to restoration, vegetation that has been or will be trimmed to facilitate the relocation project will be allowed to regrow to the extent that it does not interfere with line clearance. NSTAR Electric has stated publicly that it will consider requests by individual property owners to provide additional screening if warranted. NSTAR Electric will consider the visual impacts to the property relative to the existing condition as well as the potential for such screening to adversely impact operation or maintenance of all the facilities located on the ROW in evaluating such requests.